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HOTLINE REPORT



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WINTER-SUMMER ADDRESS CHANGES - With summer arriving, a goodly number of QCWA members will be moving from their winter-time to summertime homes. We urge all members who make this change to advise HQ of the change no less than 30 days before the actual move. A postcard will do the trick, gets your address correct in the file so that you do get your mail. When we mail to an incorrect address the mail gets put in the trash, you get upset because you don't receive your mail, and postage to send a replacement runs about 10 times the regular bulk mail cost. Chapters are urged to advise their members to give notification. We do not maintain two addresses in the database.

DAYTON HAMVENTION - From all reports the Hamvention was about the largest on record, and judging from the activities reported by the Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter 9, who established and manned a booth during the meeting, it had to be one of the best. Reports, unofficial, say that 30,000 were on hand! Chapter 9 went to work with a welcoming booth manned by Chapter Members and QCWA President, Leland Smith, W5KL. From what we heard, anyone within 50-yards, who received a license before 1964 didn't run a chance of getting through without hearing the QCWA message. Apparently it was a good message, and well delivered. We received a bundle of material from Chapter 9 President, Ralph Patterson, K8MHU, reporting that 67 new members were enrolled in QCWA, along with membership renewals, and members supplies sales. It was truly an outstanding bit of public relations work for QCWA and for Amateur Radio. Our congratulations go out to Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter 9 and to all who helped to make the event a landmark!

THE 40th ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK - The Yearbook being developed through the efforts of the Yearbook Committee, Stuart Meyer, W2GHK and David Talley, W2PF, is progressing quite well. Some time ago Chapters were requested to prepare a short historical synopsis which would include such things as: date of Charter; original Officers; original Charter members; total number of members at the beginning, and at the present time; and so on. Information which when published will provide a permanent thumb-nail record of each Chapter's life and some of its major activities with particular reference to public interest work and so forth. These reports are to be edited by Stuart Meyer and made a part of the Yearbook. Apparently many Chapters did not get the word since they have not replied to the request. We simply do not believe that they want to be left out of this 40th Anniversary Yearbook. The Hotline Report has been asked to get the message out again, while there is still time left to be included. 34 Chapters have sent in their material. They are listed below. If your Chapter is not listed, request your Chapter Secretary or President to contact Stuart Meyer, W2GHK immediately.

Gulf Coast Chapter 131
Dayton-Cincinnati 9
German Chapter 106
Northern New Jersey 77
Shasta Chapter 127
Central Oklahoma 63
West Branch Chapter 68
Caloosa Chapter 80
Southeast Florida 12
Mid Michigan Chapter 135
Dogwood Chapter 98
Everglades Chapter 69

New England Chapter 24
Kansas Chapter 110
Central New Jersey 138
Midcontinent Chapter 35
Dallas Chapter 41
Founders' Chapter 46
Akron Ohio Chapter 59
Del-Mar-Va Chapter 150
Palmetto Chapter 89
Reading Chapter 31
Coastal Carolinas Chapter 118

Canton, OH Chapter 21
Arizona Chapter 16
Tidewater Virginia 119
Cleveland Chapter 1
Inland Empire Chapter 130
Northern California 11
Central Florida Chapter 107
Lee deForest Chapter 123
Michigan Chapter 10
Chicago Area Chapter 2
Northwest Ohio Chapter 142

Please, if your Chapter has sent material and is not on the list above, contact Stuart Meyer, W2GHK immediately. If your Chapter has not sent material, contact Stuart immediately! The address to write to is as follows:

Stuart Meyer, W2GHK
2417 Newton Street
Vienna, VA 22180

Send all information to W2GHK, send all inquiries to W2GHK!

While we are on the subject of the 40th Anniversary Yearbook, Headquarters contribution consists of preparation of an ALL TIME MEMBERSHIP LIST. This list will include, in so far as is possible, the name, call, year of joining QCWA, etc., for every member who ever joined QCWA. This is so regardless of their present membership status. It is felt that EVERY MEMBER made a contribution to QCWA, no matter how small, and the combined efforts of all have brought us to our present strength and stature. The list will include all members up to the deadline date for publication, probably about 21,800 names!

QCWA 1988 QSO PARTY - We regret to report that some errors were found in the tabulation of scoring by those who took part in the QSO Party. The report of the 5-top scorers listed in the QCWA Journal, Page 17, were obtained off the air, a process we admit was ill advised, and are believed to be incorrect. The complete report of the scoring will appear in the Summer QCWA Journal, to be published during June, 1988. We ask your forgiveness for the mix-up.

THE 1988 QCWA ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS - BALLOTS FOR THIS ELECTION HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND WILL BE IN THE MAIL APPROXIMATELY MAY 20. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION AND WE URGE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE MATERIAL FURNISHED BY EACH CANDIDATE AND PUBLISHED IN THE SPRING QCWA JOURNAL, pages 4 & 5, AND THAT FOLLOWING YOUR DECISION, THAT YOU MARK YOUR BALLOT AND ATTACH A STAMP AND MAIL TO THE TELLERS. THE CORRECT ADDRESS HAS BEEN PRINTED TO INSURE CORRECT DELIVERY. YOUR VOICE IN CHOOSING THOSE WHO WILL BE HELPING GUIDE QCWA AS IT PREPARES TO ENTER THE 21st CENTURY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. DON'T LEAVE IT TO JOHN - YOU DO IT! POLLS CLOSE JULY 31, 1988, AT MIDNIGHT AND THIS MEANS THAT YOUR BALLOT MUST BE IN THE TELLERS HANDS BY MIDNIGHT ON JULY 31st. POSTMARKS ARE OF NO CONSEQUENCE.

QCWA CHAPTER REPORTS - The QCWA Chapter reports requested of each Chapter once annually are used to prepare material for QCWA publications, and to provide correct addresses of the Officers, as well as their telephone numbers for emergency contact. The Chapter report forms are sent to all Chapter Presidents and to all Chapter Secretaries during October of each year with the request that they be filled out and returned no later than December 31, of the year. The Chapter Report Form is also used to make additional reports at any time of the year - reports which would include newly elected Officers, changes in Chapter meetings, or in Chapter on-the-air schedules, or even of Silent Keys. AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, should list all Chapter activities that have "in the public interest" activities carried on by each Chapter. These modified reports are used to develop an OVERALL picture of QCWA based not only on the activities of your National Officers and Offices, but more importantly, upon the activities of you, the Chapters. The Reports are bound into a permanent booklet, providing a complete story of Chapter activities for QCWA archives. The reports are MOST IMPORTANT AND THEY ARE USED! Each Chapter is asked to continue its good work in this area, and to keep sufficient records so that your annual report, when filed with HQ will accurately reflect the Chapters work and activities.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AND HEADQUARTERS - In the past Chapters have, from time to time, sent a listing of their current membership to Headquarters with the request that we check it against our records. This procedure has hit a snag-----during December we received quite a number of these reports, enough so that with the years end work and getting the Winter QCWA Journal in the mail, the requests to check Chapter membership just went on the back burner. By the time we could find time to do some of it, they were already pretty out of date. Accordingly, President Leland Smith, W5KL, has suggested that we begin the following procedure this year of 1988:

During October/November, 1988, Headquarters will send a print out of all members for each chapter to each Chapter Secretary. The printout will be taken from the QCWA database, and the date will be shown clearly. Chapter Secretaries will be requested to check our information and to advise us of changes required to correct the database. This will not materially increase the Chapter's work, and will help us here at HQ no end! To make the QCWA database as accurate as possible, Secretaries might keep in mind that ONLY ONE CHAPTER can be shown for each QCWA member. The one shown should be the "home Chapter" for each member. This does not preclude members from belonging to as many chapters as they desire.....only that a single chapter is permissible in the QCWA database.

Your help in getting the system working properly, to the advantage of all will be appreciated.

ON THE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 1989 ELECTION - Note now that we are speaking of the 1989 election. While we are in the midst of electing five Directors in the 1988 election, we are preparing for the 1989 election. A nominating Committee was picked who have as their duty, to provide a slate of candidates for the 1989 election. The Nominating Committee (Spring, 1988, QCWA Journal, Page 16) is headed by Joe Moskey, W1JMY, with Marvin Ollendorf, W4HAH; Dave Willemin, AI8M; and Pat Stewart, W7GVC, as members. You are urged to consider members of your Chapter who might be willing to accept nomination and to serve QCWA, if elected to office. If you have such members, contact any of the above Committee members, giving them the information.

Nominations for any office in QCWA may be made by petition of membership. It is necessary that 50 members of QCWA, in good standing, sign a petition which will, when properly executed and delivered to QCWA National Secretary, automatically place your candidates name on the ballot. The 1989 election will feature election of: QCWA President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer and Five Directors! This is of great importance to QCWA, and to the future of Amateur Radio.....Pick the best possible candidates, and see to it that they are properly nominated.

QCWA PUBLISHES LIST OF ACTIVE CHAPTERS - A part of the material sent to each new QCWA Member is a listing of Active QCWA Chapters, as determined by receipt of the Annual Chapter Report at QCWA HQ. Such a list was prepared on April 3, 1988, and was printed. A copy of this list is available to each Chapter Secretary and President upon request. The listing has Chapters indexed by States, Chapter Number and Chapter Name. The name and address of the Chapter Secretary is provided so that new QCWA members may locate Chapters near to them. If Your Chapter does not appear on the list, it is simply because we did not receive a Chapter Report for the Year 1987.

THE QCWA 1988 NATIONAL CONVENTION - IS ANNOUNCED ON PAGE 6 OF THE SPRING QCWA JOURNAL. Read the story and then register for the Convention to be held at McLean, VA, September 23 - 24, 1988. One you won't wanna miss. Early registration helps everyone! Vic Clark Chapter 91 is the Host Chapter!

The QCWA Hotline Report is sent free to all Chapter Presidents and Secretaries as well as to QCWA Officers and Directors. If you wish to receive the HLR it may be obtained by payment of \$6 annually. Approximately 10 issues are published annually.

The latest member enrolled in QCWA is No. 21599, dated May 13, 1988:

Horace W. Childers, W5ATQ, living at 1322 Eastus Dr., Dallas, TX 75208.

Horace has been in electronics all his life having operated a Radio-TV Sales and Service Company until his retirement. Welcome to QCWA and to Chapter 41, Horace.



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